



From the Headmaster

**Welcome to the** final edition of The Lamb before our Easter break. We celebrate some outstanding musical, theatrical, sporting and intellectual achievements in the following pages, together with some awesome learning opportunities which boys of all ages have enjoyed.

It was a pleasure to watch the Junior drama production of *Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies* – one of my personal highlights from the term. Other year groups have enjoyed trips to Reveley Lodge to learn about how the Victorians lived, to Kew Gardens, or the Natural History Museum. Most boys in the School have also had a chance to plant a tree as we re-wild a part of our site.

I would like to thank all parents for their ongoing support for the School, and to Robin and Squirrels, Years 2, 5, 6A, and 8 for the generous gifts which staff have enjoyed in the run up to Easter. I hope all families have some time together over the coming weeks, and the boys have a chance to rest and recharge batteries, prior to the start of our Summer term.

## House Music Festival





## House Music Festival cont...

**On Tuesday** we were treated to an afternoon of musical entertainment from all our boys in Years 3 to 8. We are very proud of our thriving Music Department and the boys' enjoyment and commitment was clear to see. Mrs Stubbs from Merchant Taylors' School kindly adjudicated our Young Musician competition. Afterwards, she congratulated the boys on their stage confidence and how well prepared they were before awarding St John's Young Musician of the Year

to Kabir in 8B, second place to Rafi in 8B and third place to Lucas in 5C. Lucas also won the Composer Award with his composition "Haunted." Jimi in 8M was awarded second place and Freddie 7L third. The Bumping Cup, awarded by St John's staff, was won by Rishi in 6H. The House Singing Award was hotly contested and very enjoyable. The Houses sang the School Song followed by their chosen disco song. Mrs Stubbs awarded the Cup to Lawrence this year.





# A busy end to a great term at St John's

Mr Jenkin celebrated all the boys' achievements in our final assemblies, congratulated them on their efforts and progress and thanked everyone for making the term a great success. In the Pre-Prep the "I did my best" trophy was awarded to Agasyta in the Owls. In the Prep School, there were cheers as the Burton-Page Cup was awarded to Churchill and the House Singing and Activities Cup to Lawrence.



Winners of the House Cups



Our youngest boys have been doing their best



We were delighted to present a cheque to Place2Be, our charity



Pre-Prep Chess Awards



Signing off the term with a celebration



## Around school this week



Ayaan 7J with his Year 3 Science Club



Easter Egg donations for a local food bank



Year 7 made a Guard of Honour for the Year 8 hockey team



Musician of the Month Arjun in 4H



Our Chaplain talked to us about Ramadan and Lent

# THIS WEEK



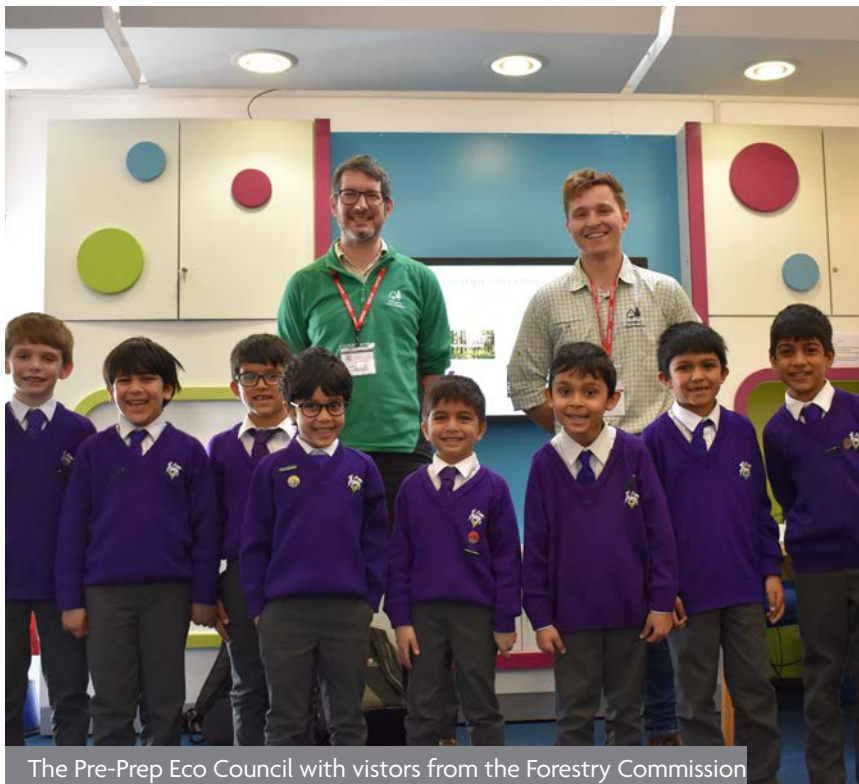
## Around school this week



First team final photo



Editing our films on Adobe Premiere Pro editing software



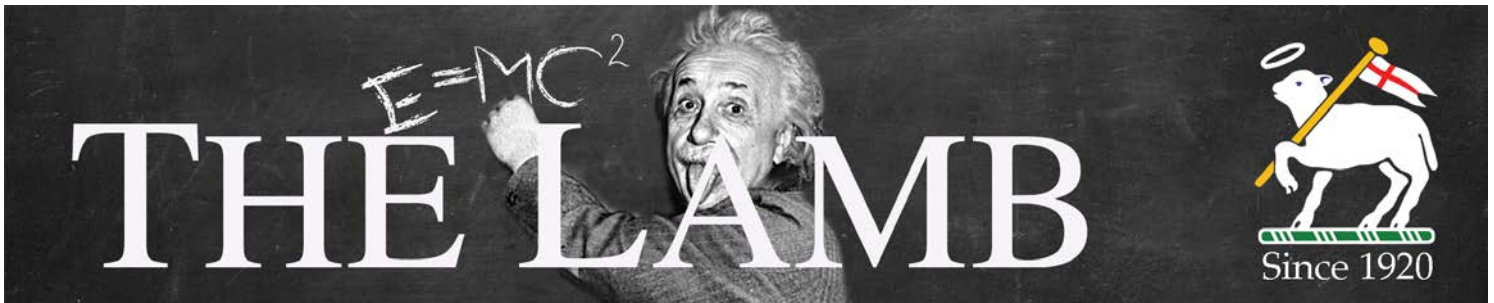
The Pre-Prep Eco Council with visitors from the Forestry Commission



Singing in the Joint Schools Concert



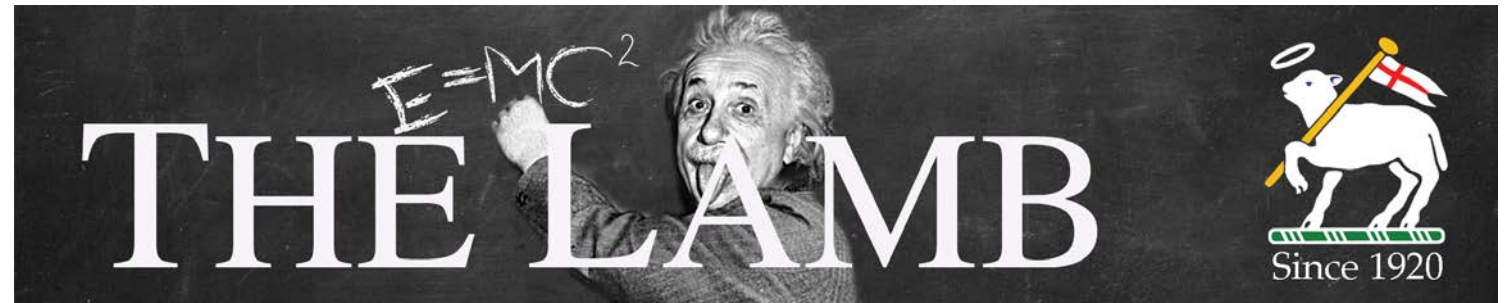
The daffodils came out for our visit to MTS



## Showcasing connections in Science

Science week continued with an entertaining assembly presented by 8B. They pointed out that nearly all innovations in science, technology, engineering and maths are built on connections between individual scientists, research groups and institutions. The boys presented sketches on topics as diverse as dinosaurs and the space race, with cameo performances from David Attenborough and President JFK.

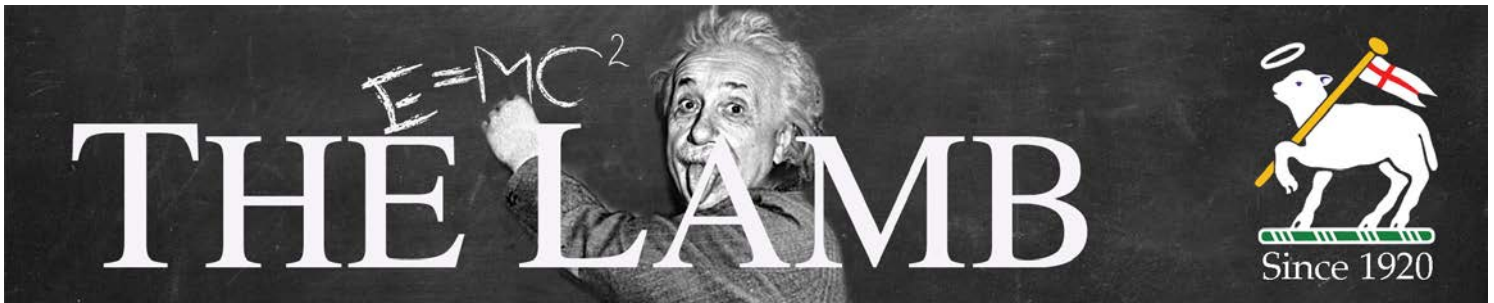




## Year 8 exploring Biodiversity at Kew Gardens

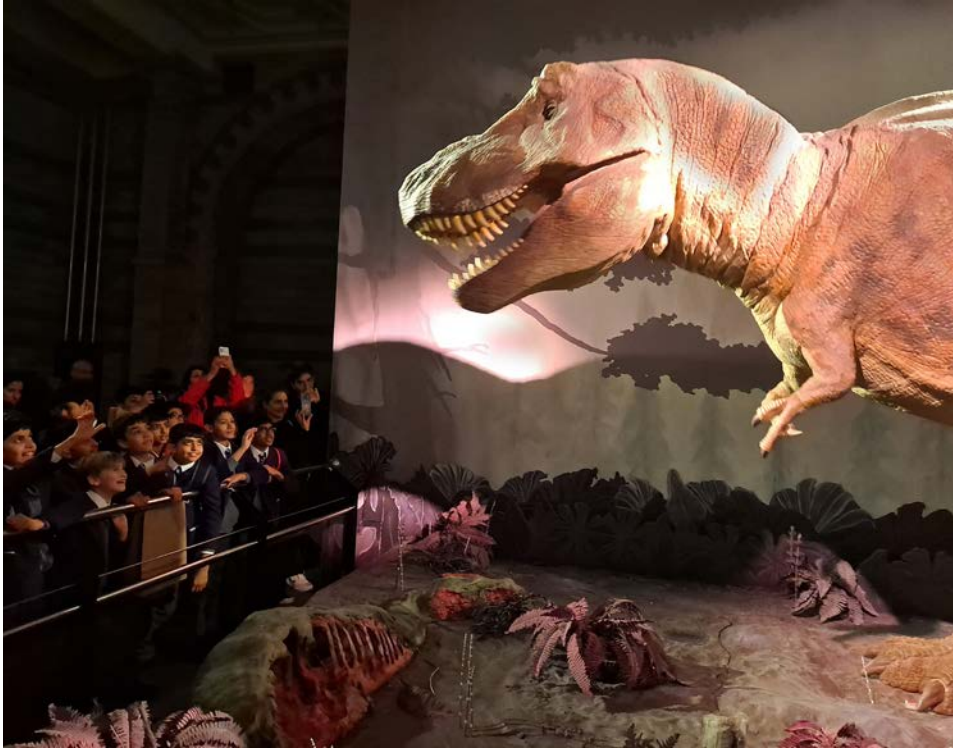
As part of Science week, Year 8 visited Kew Gardens. They were fascinated by a Biodiversity workshop which focused on the alarming decrease in the variety of plants and animals on our planet and looked at ways to understand these losses. The boys enjoyed the beautiful gardens which were coming into their Spring colours. There was also a chance to explore some of the historic greenhouses with their ancient and rare tropical plants.





## Year 6 meet Tyrannosaurus Rex

On Wednesday it was the turn of Year 6 to have their Science trip, to the Natural History Museum. The focus of the trip was Evolution. The boys attended two workshops, one which explained Evolution theory and another which looked at how dinosaur fossils provide evidence for Evolution. We had a great day at this amazing museum. Liam L reckoned that the “coolest bit” was the T-Rex model.







## Filming the Lord Mayor's Visit

We are very lucky to have a professional film-maker on our team at St John's. Mr Vince has inspired all the Year 5 to 8 boys with his film project this term and was himself inspired to make a short film about the Lord Mayor's visit. He has captured the highlights of the day in a poem, written in the style of John Betjeman. He was assisted by his presenter, his crew and voice-over artist George G. We hope you enjoy watching it.

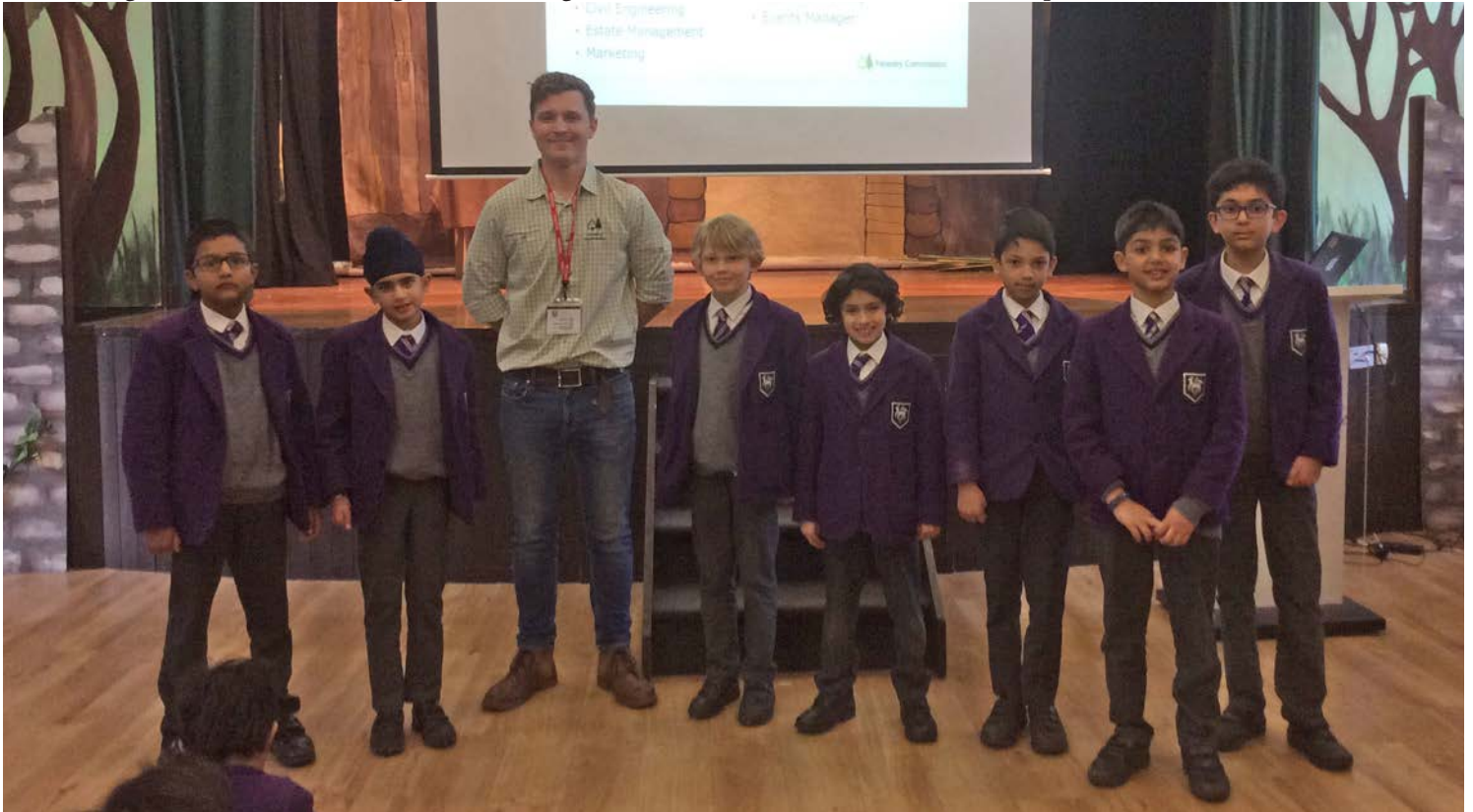




## The Pre-Prep and Juniors learn about woodland

**Lower school thoroughly** enjoyed a visit from the Forestry Commission last week. Woodland conservationists Callum and Dan came to talk to the boys about the role they could play in ensuring that woods and forests are protected for future generations, combatting climate change and

preserving biodiversity. The boys learnt what damage litter can do to the local environment, a valuable lesson prior to the litter pick the following day. The boys impressed our visitors with their knowledge about the environment and habitats then went on to plant some trees.





## Re-wilding our grounds at St John's

All the boys at St John's had the chance to plant a tree yesterday as we re-wilded some of our grounds. The trees were donated by the Woodland Trust as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, marking her Platinum Jubilee. The boys loved the planting.





## Re-wilding cont...





## Using Literature in a Debating Forum

In English, Year 7 & 8 students used literature texts studied in lessons to discuss matters of life and death, growing up and the boundaries between good and evil. Boys used a variety of debating methods to get to the heart of each piece of literature.



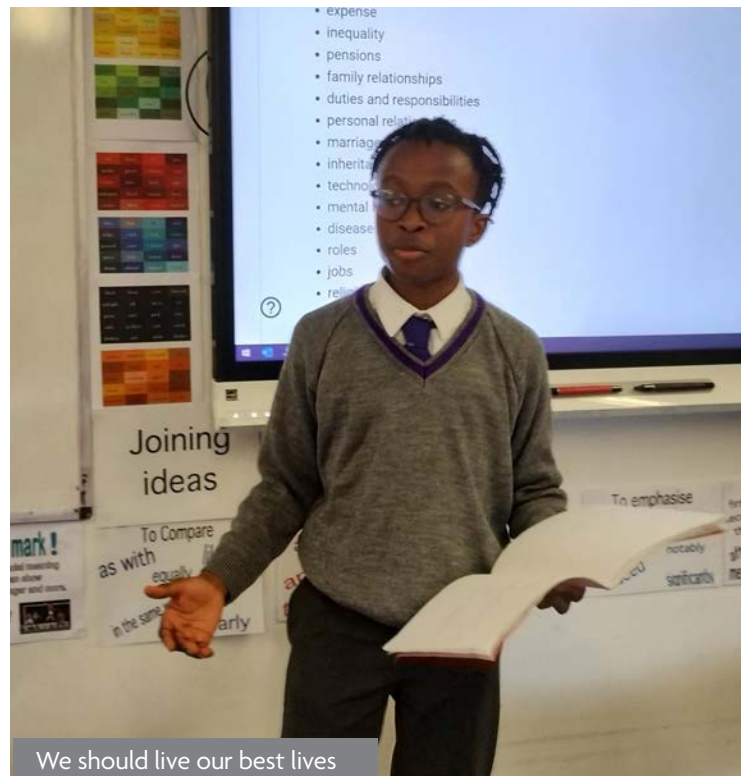
Who is the most villainous of them all?



Coming of age



Should we wish to live forever?



We should live our best lives



# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

# OPEN MORNING

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# Community Litter Pick

**The sun shone** on Saturday as 190 boys, families and staff joined the annual litter pick around Ruislip Woods and Potter Street Hill. A huge thank you must go to a small group of dedicated parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise the event. The Mayor of Hillingdon opened the proceedings and joined us for the litter collection. We found a range of items including a mattress, roof rack, garden furniture, multiple car and bike tyres, a house alarm as well as general litter. Well done to all those who came along.





## Year 2 travel back in time

The **Badgers** and **Eagles** stepped back in time on their visit to Reveley Lodge. The boys dressed up in Victorian outfits and tried their hands at washing and drying clothes. They tried their best in the Victorian classroom, using a slate board and reciting their times tables. Some were even caned! They finished the trip with a cup of tea and a slice of Victoria sponge cake, delicious!







# All about Easter in the Pre-Prep

With the Lambs on the hunt for Easter Eggs, the Otters and Owls making cakes the Badgers making Easter baskets and the Eagles making Easter nests, there was a distinct feeling that Easter must be on the way.





## All about Easter in the Pre-Prep



## Learning about Ramdan

Mrs Tamuri came in to the Lambs to teach us all about Ramdan.





# A new Early Years Learning Environment

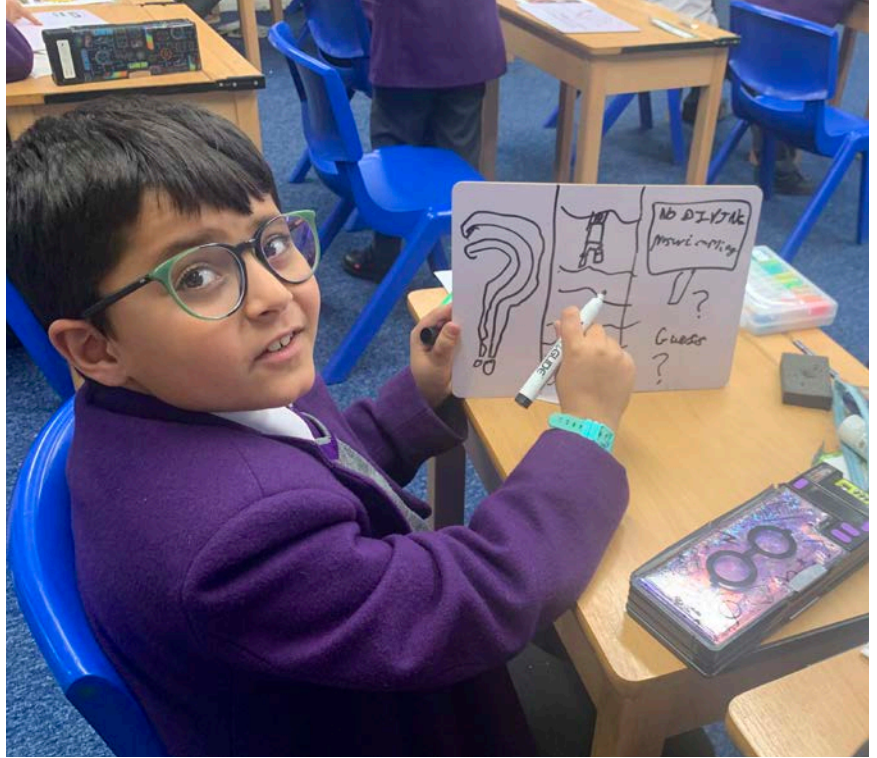
It is with great excitement that we can now announce that over the summer holiday we shall be creating a new learning environment for our Early Years children. This exciting new facility will provide a safe and special place for the Lambs, Robins and Squirrels to learn and play, no matter what the weather. There will be areas for role-play, construction, water and sand play as well as planting.





## Keeping safe in Year 3

In PSHE Year 3 have been thinking about how to keep safe and what emergency service they would need to call in different situations. They had fun guessing what unsafe situation their peers drew on their whiteboards and discussed what they would do to stay safe.





# Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies

**We were transported** back in time to 1192 last Wednesday as Years 3 and 4 presented 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies.' We were entertained by wonderful characters, great jokes, singing and dance routines. The boys have been working very hard and presented a wonderful show, there was even a special guest appearance from Richard the Lionheart! Many thanks to the drama team and everyone who supported the evening, parents and staff.





# Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies



# MUSIC



## Prep School Orchestral Afternoon at MTS

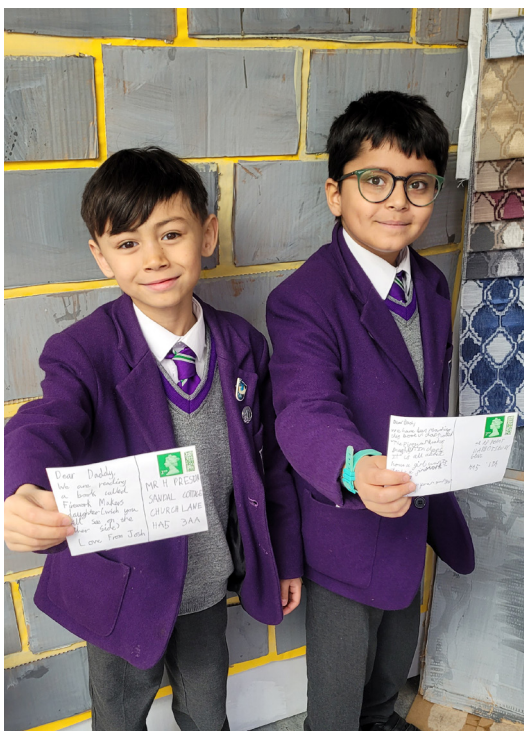
**On Friday 17th** March, around forty of our string, brass and wind players joined another forty instrumentalists from five other local Prep Schools for a special afternoon of music making at Merchant Taylors' School. During the afternoon, the boys were coached in instrumental groups by the expert music team at Merchant Taylors' before they all gathered in the Great Hall. It was a fantastic opportunity for our boys to play in an orchestra of over 120 musicians and the concert was excellent.





# The Juniors have posted hand-made post cards

**Years 3 and 4** learnt about the Royal Mail during book week. What better way to do that than to send someone a postcard about their favourite book? The boys learnt how to take portrait photos in a studio setting. Raphael helped make the red 'infinity screen' whilst other boys became lighting and stylist factotums. The pictures were printed and stuck to cards which were carefully addressed and the book reviews were then written. The joy and wonder as the boys posted the cards last Friday and found them coming through their OWN letter box the next morning.



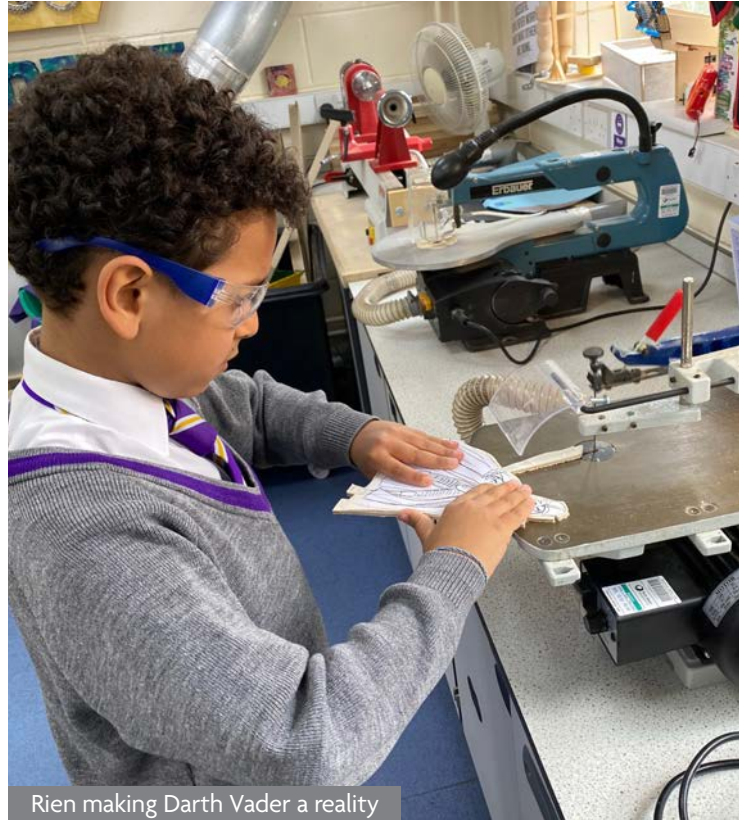




# DT&E pictures of the week



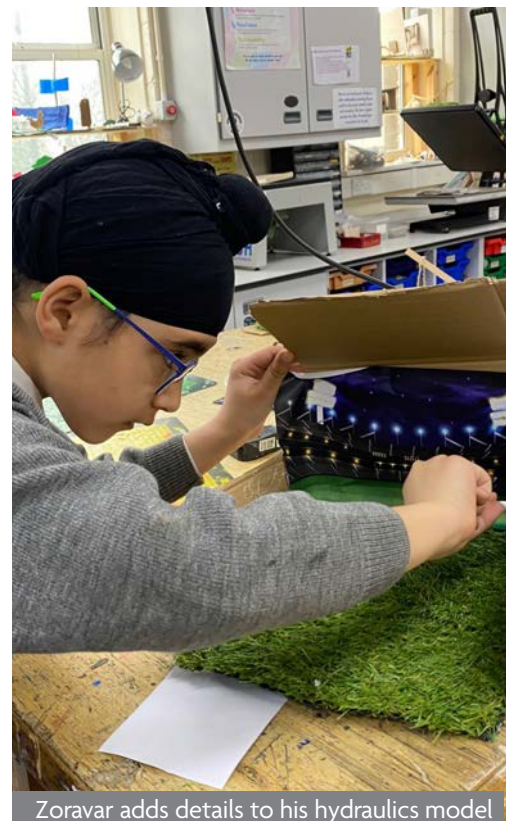
Dhruv learning how to make card stand up for his model



Rien making Darth Vader a reality



Year 7 DT&E Focus group building a prototype prop for the Lion King play



Zoravar adds details to his hydraulics model

# SPORT



## House Football – Spring 2023

The boys in Years 3 to 8 enjoyed House Football tournaments this week. The matches were very exciting with lots of goals and some extremely close results. Well done to this year's winners, Lawrence and narrow runners up, Oates.





# Rosslyn Park National Rugby 7s Festival

**This is one** of the highlights of the sporting year. It was a fantastic day out and a great experience for our U13 boys with some entertaining matches and very close results. At the end of the day the boys had an opportunity to watch the U18 boys and girls play on the main, televised pitch. Well done for a great season, boys.





# Krüger Sports Camps



We go again!

Spring is approaching fast and we want to continue to ensure that there are opportunities for our boys to play more, be active and develop valuable social skills.

See our Easter dates and programme below:

TUES, 11th April - INDOOR CRICKET  
(Nets, hard ball & soft ball)

WED & THU, 12th & 13th April - FOOTBALL

FRI, 14th April - COURT SPORTS

For more information & bookings go to  
[www.krugercamps.co.uk](http://www.krugercamps.co.uk)



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# Important dates and contacts

- Tuesday 18th April:** Beginning of Term (8.25am)  
Music rehearsals commence
- Monday 24th April:** Year 6 Visit to Hindu Temple in Radlett  
Clubs and Activities begin  
Swimming Starts at Merchant Taylors'  
St John's Association Meeting (7.30pm)
- Tuesday 25th April:** Year 8 visit to Bletchley Park
- Wednesday 26th April:** Summer Concert Rehearsals (all day)  
Cricket v York House: 1st, 2nd X1 (h), 3rd, 4th, 5th X1 (a)  
(2.30pm)  
Year 2 PGL Drop-in Session (optional) (3.15pm)
- Thursday 27th April:** UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge  
(Year 8)
- Friday 28th April:** Merchant Taylors' Science Challenge
- Monday 1st May:** School closed Early May Bank Holiday

**Updates:** Please continue to visit [www.st-johns.org.uk](http://www.st-johns.org.uk) for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results.

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**Mailings:** To be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor with your contact details.

**Photographs:** Do please continue to send in pictures to [lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk) for inclusion in 'The Lamb'. Many thanks.

## Notices and reminders

**Calendars:** The Summer Term Calendar is now available to view on the School website. Paper copies will be distributed on the first day of next term.

**Reports and Grade Sheets:** These will be available shortly to view via the Parent Portal.

**Exam Revision Guides for Year 5:** These are now available to view on the Parent Portal.

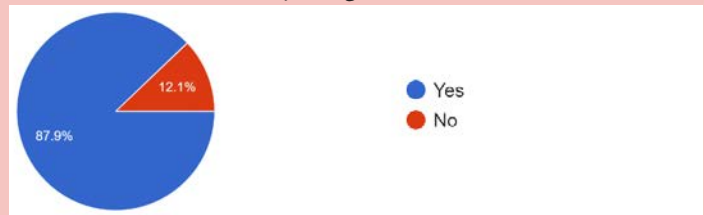
**Activities next term:** All Pre-Prep and Prep School clubs and activities will start on Monday 24th April with the exception of music rehearsals which will start on Tuesday 18th April in preparation for the Summer Concert on 2nd May. The Pre-Prep boys have been informed of their club for next term and know the start and end dates.

**Summer uniform:** Don't forget that the Pre-Prep and Juniors change to summer uniform from the start of next term.

**Mrs Scott's walk for GOSH:** If you would like to support this amazing effort, this is the link to her [Just Giving Page](#)

**Easter Kruger Camp Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April:** more information on page 28

**Votes for Schools:** This week's questions: KS2 Should we learn more about what young carers do?



KS3 "Would more awareness improve support for young carers?"



**Question for after Easter:** Will using more artificial intelligence (AI) make our lives better?

**House Points:** 1st Churchill 109.05, 2nd Lawrence 104.24, 3rd Lincoln 103.66, 4th Oates 102.02

The next edition of 'The Lamb' will be published on Friday 28th April. Have a lovely Easter break. We look forward to seeing all the boys again on 18th April.